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Kun Ping Lu *et al.*

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For: PIN1 AS A MARKER FOR ABNORMAL
CELL GROWTH

Examiner: Davis, M.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one invention from the 146 inventions set forth in the Restriction Requirement.

Accordingly, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group 13 (directed to methods for detecting abnormal cell growth in the uterus by detecting the protein level of Pin1 in a biological sample) for continued examination.

As indicated by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement, claim 49 is a generic claim that links the inventions of groups 1-36. Accordingly, it is Applicants' understanding that upon a finding of allowability of generic linking claim 49 the restriction requirement will be withdrawn and the search will be extended to the remaining inventions in Groups 1-36.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. PTZ-033 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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